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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A computer-implemented method for registering a device, the method comprising steps of:

- (A) at the device, transmitting a registration request message to a registration server in response to input provided by a user of the device, wherein the input does not include information identifying the user; and
- (B) at the registration server, registering the device with a manufacturer of the device in response to receipt of the registration request message.

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the input comprises performance of only a single action by the user.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the input comprises the pressing of a button on the device.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the step (B) comprises steps of:

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- (B) (1) obtaining an identifier of the device; and
- (B) (2) registering the device based on the identifier.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 4, wherein the registration request message includes the identifier of the device, and wherein the step (B)(1) comprises a step of obtaining the identifier from the registration request message.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 4, wherein the step (B)(1) comprises a step of assigning the identifier to the device, and wherein the method further comprises steps of:

- (C) at the registration server, transmitting the assigned identifier to the device; and
- (D) at the device, recording the assigned identifier.

Claim 7 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising steps of:

- (C) at the registration server prior to the step (B), determining whether the device is registered; and
- (D) at the registration server, performing the step (B) only if it is determined in the step (C) that the device is not registered.

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Claim 8 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 9 (canceled hereby).

Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 4, wherein the step (B)(2) comprises a step of recording the identifier of the device.

Claim 11 (canceled hereby).

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

(C) at the registration server, transmitting to the device a registration confirmation message confirming the registration performed in the step (B).

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a printer.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A computer-implemented method performed by a registration server to register a device, the method comprising steps of:

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- (A) receiving a registration request message from the device, wherein the registration request message does not include information identifying a user of the device; and
- (B) registering the device with a manufacturer of the device based on the registration request message.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the step (B) comprises steps of:

- (B) (1) obtaining an identifier of the device; and
- (B) (2) registering the device based on the identifier.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the registration request message includes the identifier of the device, and wherein the step (B) (1) comprises a step of obtaining the identifier from the registration request message.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 15, wherein the step (B) (1) comprises a step of assigning the identifier to the device, and wherein the method further comprises a step of:

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(C) transmitting the assigned identifier to the device.

Claim 18 (original). The method of claim 15, further comprising steps of:

(C) prior to the step (B), determining whether the device is registered; and

(D) performing the step (B) only if it is determined in the step (C) that the device is not registered.

Claim 19 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 20 (canceled hereby).

Claim 21 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the step (B) comprises a step of recording the identifier of the device.

Claim 22 (canceled hereby).

Claim 23 (original). The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of:

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- (C) transmitting to the device a registration confirmation message confirming the registration performed in the step (B).

Claim 24 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the device comprises a printer.

Claim 25 (currently amended). A method performed by a device for registering the device with a manufacturer of the device, the method comprising steps of:

- (A) transmitting a registration request message to a registration server in response to input provided by a user of the device, wherein the input does not include information identifying the user; and
- (B) receiving from the registration server a registration confirmation message confirming that the device has been registered with a manufacturer of the device.

Claim 26 (original). The method of claim 25, wherein the input comprises performance of only a single action by the user.

Claim 27 (original). The method of claim 25, wherein the input comprises the pressing of a button on the device.

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Claim 28 (original). The method of claim 25, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 29 (canceled hereby).

Claim 30 (original). The method of claim 25, wherein the device comprises a printer.

Claim 31 (currently amended). A system comprising:  
a device comprising means for transmitting a registration request message to a registration server in response to input provided by a user of the device, wherein the input does not include information identifying the user; and

a registration server comprising means for registering the device with a manufacturer of the device in response to receipt of the registration request message.

Claim 32 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the input comprises performance of only a single action by the user.

Claim 33 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the input comprises the pressing of a button on the device.

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Claim 34 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the means for registering the device comprises:

means for obtaining an identifier of the device; and  
means for registering the device based on the identifier.

Claim 35 (original). The system of claim 34, wherein the registration request message includes the identifier of the device, and wherein the means for obtaining the identifier of the device comprises means for obtaining the identifier from the registration request message.

Claim 36 (original). The system of claim 34, wherein the means for obtaining the identifier of the device comprises means for assigning the identifier to the device, wherein the registration server further comprises means for transmitting the assigned identifier to the device, and wherein the device further comprises means for recording the assigned identifier.

Claim 37 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the registration server further comprises means for determining whether the device is registered, and wherein the means for registering the device comprises means for registering the device only if the device is not registered.

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Claim 38 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 39 (canceled hereby).

Claim 40 (canceled hereby).

Claim 41 (canceled hereby).

Claim 42 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the registration server further comprises means for transmitting to the device a registration confirmation message confirming the registration performed by the means for registering the device.

Claim 43 (original). The system of claim 31, wherein the device comprises a printer.

Claim 44 (currently amended). A registration server for registering a device, the registration server comprising:

means for receiving a registration request message from the device, wherein the registration request message does not include information identifying a user of the device; and

means for registering the device with a manufacturer of the device based on the registration request message.

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Claim 45 (original). The registration server of claim 44, wherein the means for registering the device comprises:

means for obtaining an identifier of the device; and  
means for registering the device based on the identifier.

Claim 46 (original). The registration server of claim 45, wherein the registration request message includes the identifier of the device, and wherein the means for obtaining the identifier of the device comprises means for obtaining the identifier from the registration request message.

Claim 47 (original). The registration server of claim 45, wherein the means for obtaining the identifier of the device comprises means for assigning the identifier to the device, and wherein the registration server further comprises means for transmitting the assigned identifier to the device.

Claim 48 (original). The registration server of claim 44, further comprising:

means for determining whether the device is registered; and

wherein the means for registering the device comprises means for registering the device only if the device is not registered.

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Claim 49 (original). The registration server of claim 44, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 50 (canceled hereby).

Claim 51 (original). The registration server of claim 44, wherein the means for registering the device comprises means for recording the identifier of the device.

Claim 52 (canceled hereby).

Claim 53 (original). The registration server of claim 44, further comprising:

means for transmitting to the device a registration confirmation message confirming the registration performed by the means for registering the device.

Claim 54 (original). The registration server of claim 44, wherein the device comprises a printer.

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Claim 55 (currently amended). A device comprising:  
means for transmitting a registration request  
message to a registration server in response to input  
provided by a user of the device, wherein the input does  
not include information identifying the user; and  
means for receiving from the registration server a  
registration confirmation message confirming that the  
device has been registered with a manufacturer of the  
device.

Claim 56 (original). The device of claim 55, wherein  
the input comprises performance of only a single action  
by the user.

Claim 57 (original). The device of claim 55, wherein  
the input comprises the pressing of a button on the  
device.

Claim 58 (original). The device of claim 55, wherein  
the registration request message comprises a message  
requesting that the device be registered.

Claim 59 (canceled hereby).

Claim 60 (original). The device of claim 55, wherein  
the device comprises a printer.

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Claim 61 (new). A computer-implemented method for registering a device with a service, the method comprising steps of:

- (A) at the device, transmitting a registration request message to a registration server in response to input provided by a user of the device, wherein the input does not include information identifying the user, wherein said registration request message comprises a message requesting that the device be registered with the service; and
- (B) at the registration server, registering the device for use with the service in response to receipt of the registration request message.

Claim 62 (new). The method of claim 61, wherein the input comprises performance of only a single action by the user.

Claim 63 (new). The method of claim 61, wherein the input comprises the pressing of a button on the device.

Claim 64 (new). The method of claim 61, wherein the step (B) comprises steps of:

- (B)(1) obtaining an identifier of the device; and

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(B) (2) registering the device based on the identifier.

Claim 65 (new). The method of claim 64, wherein the registration request message includes the identifier of the device, and

wherein the step (B)(1) comprises a step of obtaining the identifier from the registration request message.

Claim 66 (new). The method of claim 64, wherein the step (B)(1) comprises a step of assigning the identifier to the device, and wherein the method further comprises steps of:

- (C) at the registration server, transmitting the assigned identifier to the device; and
- (D) at the device, recording the assigned identifier.

Claim 67 (original). The method of claim 61, further comprising steps of:

- (C) at the registration server prior to the step (B), determining whether the device is registered; and
- (D) at the registration server, performing the step (B) only if it is determined in the step (C) that the device is not registered.

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Claim 68 (new). The method of claim 61, wherein the registration request message comprises a message requesting initiation of a transaction with the service.

Claim 69 (new). The method of claim 64, wherein the step (B)(2) comprises a step of recording the identifier of the device.

Claim 70 (new). The method of claim 64, wherein the step (B)(2) comprises a step of creating an account for use with the service, the account being associated with the identifier of the device.

Claim 71 (new). The method of claim 61, further comprising a step of:

(C) at the registration server, transmitting to the device a registration confirmation message confirming the registration performed in the step (B).

Claim 72 (new). The method of claim 61, wherein the device comprises a printer.